



JOE FOSS
GOVERNOR

SOUTH DAKOTA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
PIERRE
P R O C L A M A T I O N

BOB LEE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

WHEREAS, the present day National Guard is a continuance of the Militia concept of colonial days; and

WHEREAS, the colonial militia units held regular muster days when the young men of the settlements would assemble in the villages with flintlocks and muskets to answer roll call and engage in drill practice; and

WHEREAS, George Washington was one of the most famous militiamen; and

WHEREAS, there are over five thousand officers and men in sixty-nine South Dakota National Guard units in forty-five communities whose inventory of equipment and payrolls are in excess of twenty five millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, membership in the National Guard is an effective means of strengthening our national defense and a means available to our male citizens of fulfilling their military obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 22nd, 1958, to be

NATIONAL GUARD MUSTER DAY

and I invite all young men of military age to join their friends and neighbors in the Army and Air National Guard units of South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 21st day of February, 1958.

.....*Joe Foss*.....
Governor

ATTEST:

.....*Clara Hall*.....
Secretary of State

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